

3 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Division of Acquisition and Distribution  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Interest in Expanded Service of "Current Digest  
of the Soviet Press" to Replace JPRS

REFERENCE: Our telephone conversation on 2 May 1957

The statement on page 4 of the Annual Report of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications concerning subject service was based upon the findings reported in the 81st meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee. The extract of the minutes of that meeting follow:

"The Chairman asked the Committee for comments on the need for the proposed contract and the value of JPRS to the member agencies. Replies were as follows:

State: Mr. Wald said that Mr. Wilson had largely covered State's position. Direct interest of the Department in such a service is nominal but indirect interest is great.

Army: Mr. Bauer said that Army has only marginal interest in the program. It is not geared to Army's needs and they rely mainly on FDD.

Air Force: Major Neumann commented that only a limited number of analysts use JPRS, and those only from general interest. He recommended against reliance on the Soviet press review however, and concluded that there seemed no choice but to support the proposed contract.


Navy: Mr. Shearer concurred with Major Neumann.

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**USIA:** Mr. Carroll said that USIA supported the contract as previously stated.

**CIA:** The Chairman said that he had canvassed the known users of JPRS in the Agency and could not find an expressed need for such a service in CIA. CDSP appears to be useful as it is and FDD is available to fill the gaps."

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Advisory Committee on  
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